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In re application of

Docket No: Q62061

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Appln. No.: 09/725,689

Group Art Unit: 2613

Confirmation No.: 1553

Examiner: Anand Shashikant RAO

Filed: November 30, 2000

For: PICTURE ENCODING SYSTEM CONVERSION DEVICE AND ENCODING RATE
CONVERSION DEVICE

RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT

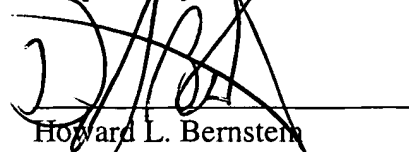
Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated July 28, 2003 in which the Examiner has required an election of species, Applicant responds by electing Species 1, Figure 1. Claim 1 reads on the elected species and claims 1 is generic to all Species.

Prompt and favorable action on the elected claims are now respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,


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